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TOWN OF PURCELLVILLE, VIRGINIA

Find Hidden Treasures at the Purcellville Farmers Market

THE TOWN OF PURCELLVILLE plays host to a variety of activities and hometown events we all enjoy. One such treasure is the Purcellville Farmers Market, where farmers gather on Thursdays to sell their local produce, fresh breads and meat. The Purcellville Farmers Market operates on Thursdays from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm in the parking lot at the corner of N 21st St. and N 23rd St. The market opened in May and will run through the end of October.

“When people shop at the market, they know they are getting the freshest quality products available,” said Purcellville Market Manager Richard Bloom. “The farmers are local and many fruits and vegetables arrive at the markets within 24-hours of harvest from the field — you just can’t beat the quality and freshness!”

So what are some of the treasures at the market? Try some of Oak Spring Dairy’s flavorful cheese made from their Brown Swiss cows, or Fields of Athenry’s homemade dinner from their field-raised lamb and poultry. And, stop by the fruit and vegetable growers to taste their June offerings — green beans, broccoli, cabbage, carrots, cherries, cucumbers, onions, eggplant and strawberries, to name a few.

Staples at the market include meat, cheese, eggs, wine, honey, salsa and flowers. Throughout the growing season, farmers will bring produce grown on the farm. You’ll find raspberries, blackberries and blueberries mid-summer, August and September brings apples, peaches, pears and pumpkins. Tomatoes, a popular favorite, arrive in late June or July.



The Purcellville Market is one of seven markets sponsored by the Loudoun Valley HomeGrown Markets Association. These are home-grown, producer only markets, meaning the people who sell you the food are the people who grow it.

This system guarantees customers will find only produce that is both fresh and local. The producers stand behind their products 100 percent, and are happy to share information with you about how their products are raised. “By buying fruits, vegetables, meats, and eggs at your local farmer’s market, you are supporting local agriculture and a continuing supply of local foods,” said Bloom. “Please stop by

and see us — we’ve got something for everyone.”

The Purcellville Market keeps its shoppers informed of weekly specials and vendor products through an e-newsletter. To sign-up to get the latest information, visit the LVHMA Web site at www.loudounfarmersmarkets.com.

Why Buy Local?

- Tastes better and it’s better for you.
- Supports local farm families.
- Protects genetic diversity.
- Preserves open space, and supports a clean environment.
- Local food is about the future! ■

County Seeks Your Input on Health Survey



Loudoun Health Check is our county’s first formal health needs assessment, designed to identify what residents believe makes a healthy community, how our county currently stacks up and key areas for improvement. It is critical that all the voices in Loudoun County are heard. Make your opinion count by completing the survey, available online at: <http://healthcheck.surveyconsole.com> or using the survey form included in this newsletter. Also, please encourage others to do so as well. Contact the Health Department at health@loudoun.gov if you have any questions or comments about Loudoun Health Check. ■

Family Movie Night Scheduled for This Summer

The Town of Purcellville and the Loudoun County Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services have worked together to schedule the popular outdoor Family Movie Night for summer 2008 at Purcellville’s Fireman’s Field.

“I am delighted that the County working in coordination with the Town will once again have Family Movie Night,” said Mayor Bob Lazaro. “Last year hundreds of folks gathered on the outfield at Fireman’s Field to enjoy free family entertainment.”

The schedule is as follows:

June 20 - Bee Movie, 8:45 pm

July 18 - The Natural, 8:15 pm

August 15 - Beauty and the Beast, 8:15 pm



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Message from Mayor Bob Lazaro



Dear Neighbors,

Summer is upon us and with the warm weather comes a flurry of activities.

In an effort to bring family oriented events to our community, I am pleased that working with the Loudoun County Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services we will once again be able to offer Family Movie Night at Fireman's Field. Last year's movies were well attended and I hope that you have the opportunity to join us. And, on Sunday, June 22, we have the U.S. Army Band "Downrange" to perform an outdoor concert at Fireman's Field. Family Movie Night and the U.S. Army Band performance are all free.

July 4th we will once again host Loudoun's best parade to be followed by the Pride of Purcellville festival which will be held on the grounds of Loudoun Valley High School. Both events are just fantastic!

From my family to yours, please have a safe and enjoyable summer. Purcellville is a great place to live and raise a family. I look forward to seeing you around Town.

Regards,

Robert W. Lazaro, Jr.
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Safety Improvements at LVHS and BRMS

The Town in partnership with the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors (BOS) and Loudoun County Public Schools (LCPS) will be implementing safety improvements at Loudoun Valley High School and Blue Ridge Middle School to enhance the safety of student pedestrian use and access at the respective schools. The improvements include student-activated signal warning signs at pre-determined road crossing points in both directions of traffic, raised crosswalks at both locations to improve visibility of crossing students to drivers and to encourage drivers to slow down at the cross points to avoid damage to their vehicles. Improvements will also include drainage and sidewalk modifications. The LCPS will contribute the cost of one pedestrian activated signal at each location and the balance of the project cost is shared between the BOS and the Town. The construction is expected to be completed this summer before the start of the new school year in September 2008. ■

Tools to Help You Save Water This Summer

From the Water – Use It Wisely Campaign, the following are some common and not-so-common tools to help conserve water:

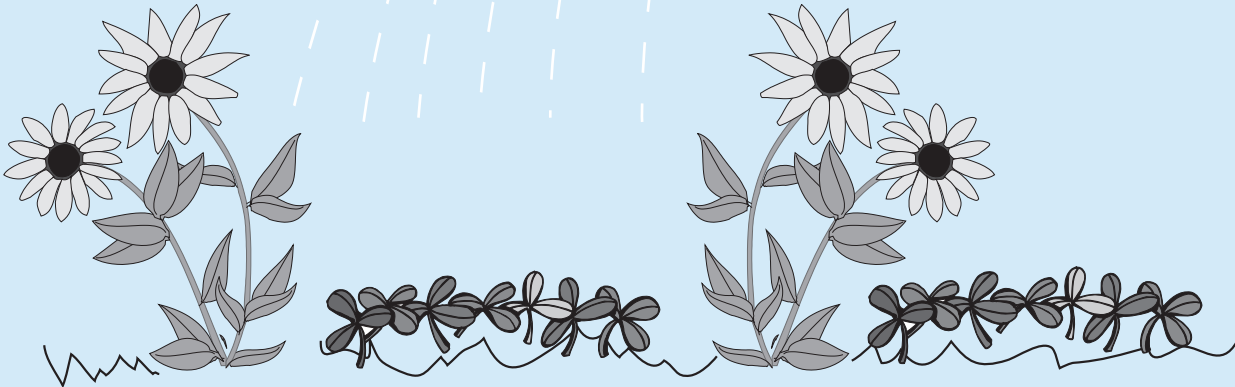
Common outdoor water-saving tools

- **Garden Hose Nozzles** – The spray from a garden hose nozzle can be directed onto the plants or shrubs that need more water. When you wash your car, use a hose nozzle to turn off the water and save more than 100 gallons.
- **Brooms** – A broom is the right tool to clean your driveway or sidewalk between rain showers. Just sweep the dirt and spread it over your lawn or put it in the garbage. This will keep the dirt from entering the storm sewer catch basins.
- **Sprinkler Timers** – A sprinkler timer can be set to shut off your sprinkler after a set amount of time.
- **Screwdriver** – Use a long screwdriver as a soil probe to test soil moisture. If you can push it easily into your lawn for several inches, don't water. Proper lawn watering can save thousands of gallons of water annually.

And some not-so-common outdoor water-saving tools

- **Rain Gauge** – Let Mother Nature do the watering for you. A rain gauge is a low-cost, reliable device for measuring the water your lawn gets from rainfall. If you receive an inch or more within a week, you can skip your next watering.
- **Shut-Off Device** – Nothing wastes water like sprinklers in the rain. Install a rain shut-off device on your automatic sprinklers to eliminate unnecessary watering.
- **Soil Aerator** – This inexpensive tool will punch holes in your lawn about six inches apart so water will reach the roots rather than run off the surface.
- **Rain Barrels** – Put the water from your downspout to good use by catching it in a mosquito-proof rain barrel. Plants love rainwater because it doesn't contain chlorine and is warmer than tap water. Furthermore, using rainwater can help you save water and money on your water bill.
- **Gutter Diverters** – A gutter diverter is designed to work with a rain gutter down spout, and has a switch that diverts the water to the landscape or to the rain barrel.
- **Rain Chains** – Rain chains are designed to replace a downspout, and channel the water into a specific location, such as a basin or a rain barrel. They're pleasing to look at and they slow water down, reducing splashing and erosion.

For more information on these tips and water conservation, please visit www.wateruseitwisely.com/index.shtml.



THE ATLANTIC HURRICANE SEASON

is officially from June 1 to November 30.

Check the Town's website periodically or the National Hurricane Center site at www.nhc.noaa.gov for hurricane preparedness tips.

Purcellville Announces Single Stream Recycling

Due to recent advances in recycling technology and in the interest of increasing the efficiency of recycling for our residents, "Single Stream Recycling" has been implemented in the Town of Purcellville. All recyclable material can now be collected from the same bin or container. Since all recyclables can now be collected together, American Disposal Services can use the same type of truck that is used for trash collection. This does not mean that recyclables are being trashed. Rather, they are taken to a material recovery facility (MRF) where they are processed and separated as feed-stock for re-manufacture into new products.

The following guidelines should be observed when putting out your recyclables:

NO PLASTIC BAGS

Commingled Containers

- Glass bottles and jars
- Aluminum/steel cans
- Food/beverage containers
- Plastic bottles/jugs

Fiber Tied and Bundled

- Newspapers/magazines
- Phone books/junk mail
- Cracker/cereal boxes
- Corrugated boxes/3x3 pieces

*Thoroughly rinse and drain containers
*Flatten corrugated boxes and place beneath the recycling container.



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Lt. Rust Chosen as Officer of the Year



Pictured from left to right: Council member C.J. Walker, Mayor Lazaro, Steve Curtis, Lt. Rust and Chief Smith.

Purcellville’s American Legion Post 293 selected Lt. James (Jim) Rust as its Police Officer of the Year. Lt. Rust was honored at a dinner at the Post headquarters on May 15, 2008. In selecting the Officer of the Year, the Post reviews nominations from the Police Department. Taken into consideration are dedication to the job and community, involvement with youth and citizens, and general attitude. In attendance at the ceremony were Lt. Rust’s wife, Virginia, his daughter, Caroline, and son in-law, Brian, and their three children, Mayor Bob Lazaro, Vice Mayor C.J. Walker and wife, Jonie Walker, Chief Darryl Smith and wife, Maria Smith, President of the Purcellville Citizens Support Team, Mr. James Dugay, and wife Kitty Dugay, and other members of the Police Department.

Police Chaplain Joins the Department

Chaplain Larry S. Brooks has joined the Purcellville Police Department and will work alongside long-time police Chaplain David Janney. Chaplain Brooks is with the National Capital Area Chapter of Industrial Ministries.

Purcellville Law Enforcement Explorers Recognized for Achievements

On April 13, 2008, the Purcellville Law Enforcement Explorer Post 1908 held its first awards and promotions ceremony. Post members promoted were Andrew McGowan, Captain; CJ Walker, Lieutenant; Mike Harvey, and Sam Payne, Sergeants; and Haley Greene, Senior Explorer. Andrew McGowan was also recognized as the Explorer of the Year by his peers. Andrew was selected on the basis of his dependability, attitude, and attendance as well as contributions to the community, the Purcellville Police Department, and the Explorer Post. A Community Service Award was given to members who provided 100 hours of community service and the Tenure Award was presented to all Explorers who completed one year of satisfactory service to the Post. Mike Harvey, Andrew McGowan, Sam Payne, CJ Walker, and Haley Greene received both of these awards. Mr. James Dugay was the guest speaker and spoke on the importance of volunteering in the community.

Health and Public Safety Day a Big Success

The third annual Health and Public Safety Day was held on May 17, 2008 and was a huge success. There were emergency vehicles such as fire engines, ambulances, police vehicles and equipment and the Air Care Helicopter, and demonstrations by fire fighters and our Sheriffs Office K-9s. Children were riding the Purcellville Police barrel train and getting finger-printed. “This was a great family event and I hope this will continue for many years in the future,” said Chief Darryl C. Smith, Sr.

Carbon Monoxide Detectors Help Save Lives

Life-threatening carbon monoxide incidents locally and across the country reinforce the need for people to purchase and install working carbon monoxide detectors. A few facts about carbon monoxide to remember:

Carbon Monoxide is an odorless, tasteless, and colorless gas that is a byproduct of incomplete combustion of wood, gas, oil, and even charcoal. Some of our home appliances that produce carbon monoxide include wood stoves, cooking stoves, gas hot water heaters, furnaces, pellet stoves, grills and portable kerosene heaters. If not properly vented or improperly maintained, these appliances could lead to a serious condition in your

home. After our recent rash of power outages, many people have been talking about purchasing a portable generator. Please remember that these units must be left outside when running.

Carbon monoxide poisoning symptoms include minor headaches, nausea and fatigue. Some people have described the early symptoms being similar to having the flu. More serious cases include drowsiness, vomiting, and a severe headache. Young children are the most susceptible to the effects of carbon monoxide poisoning because their metabolism is higher.

Carbon monoxide detectors are our best defense against this hazard. These detectors can be purchased at most home improvement stores. Many have asked “where do I install a carbon monoxide detector?” Carbon monoxide gas weighs roughly the same as the air we breathe. Thus, it can be found throughout the home. Most people succumb to the effects of carbon monoxide poisoning when they sleep. The most important location for your first detector is near any sleeping areas. If or when the alarm ever sounds, call 911 and leave your house immediately. The firefighters that respond to your home have the proper gas meters and equipment to confirm the alarm. Please do not wait to call for help.

Thank you and be safe.

Bob Dryden, Fire Chief
Purcellville Vol. Fire Co.

Purcellville Police Attend Wreath Laying Ceremony in D.C.

Purcellville Police members Sgt. Joseph Schroeck and MPO Susan Patterson attended the wreath laying ceremony at the National Law Enforcement memorial in Washington, D.C. Each year in May is National Police Week which commemorates the sacrifices of law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty.



Sgt. Joseph Schroeck and MPO Susan Patterson attend the wreath laying ceremony in Washington.

After Hours Emergency Numbers

Police, Medical or Fire Emergency	911
Dominion Virginia Power	888-667-3000
Poison Control	800-222-1222
Water, Sewer, Street Maintenance	(540) 338-7700

Non-Emergency Numbers

Police	(540) 338-7422
Fire	(540) 338-5961
Rescue	(540) 338-4706
County Fire & Rescue	(703) 777-0637
Sheriff Department	(703) 777-1021
Dominion Virginia Power	(703) 359-3275
Adelphia Cable	(571) 434-1280
Verizon	800-275-2355

The Centennial Pride of Purcellville July 4, 2008

The Purcellville Centennial Committee has been working to make Purcellville's 100th year a great celebration. To date, the town has thrown a birthday party for over 800 people with a performance by the US Navy Sea Chanters, held a parade celebrating the many highlights of the past 100 years and included the Philadelphia Mummers, planted 100 trees, and celebrated at the Purcellville Preservation Association Heritage Day event. Many more events are planned for the year.

The Pride of Purcellville is an event that has been hosted by Magic Kayhan (Owner, Olympus Gym) in the past. This year the Centennial Committee is working with Magic to make this a great event.

As in the past, the July 4th Parade will march down Main Street and end at Loudoun Valley HS. The Pride of Purcellville celebration will take place all afternoon with a carnival atmosphere, rides, games, food and entertainment. There will also be a tent for sponsors to set up booths and tables to show their wares.

Net monies generated through sponsorships, food sales and rides and games participation will be donated to other Centennial Events, the Purcellville Volunteer Fire and Rescue organizations and other local charities.

Sponsorship levels range from \$100 to \$2,500 and above. For more information, contact Joan Lehr at (540) 338-7527.

Please consider being part of this great Celebration of our Nation's Birthday and Purcellville's 100th Year. ■

County Offers Home Renovation Assistance

In spring and summer, a homeowner's attention often turns to home repair and renovation. All too often, however, the high cost of home improvements prohibit many low and moderate income families from moving forward with badly needed maintenance, repairs and renovations.

The Loudoun County Home Improvement Program (LCHIP) was created to provide funds to low and moderate income households for renovations to their primary residence. Loudoun County households including those located within incorporated towns such as Purcellville can participate in the program.

Loans are provided to low and moderate income residents and are awarded based on income qualification and credit worthiness. The loans have a ten-year term and may be forgivable and interest free. Due to the County's overall high median household income level, many households that may not consider themselves low and moderate income may qualify.

For example, a family of five with a household income of \$85,550 or less may qualify as low income. Once qualified, the homeowner, a county construction technician and a contractor assess the renovation needs of the property.

For more information, go to the County's web site at www.loudoun.gov/housing or contact Ms. Kelly Marrocco at 571-258-3819. ■



Before



After

Upcoming Events

Purcellville is celebrating its centennial year. Please refer to the Town's 2008 Calendar and website for centennial events throughout the year.

Emancipation Day, A Centennial Celebration Saturday, September 20, 2008

For more information, www.blueridgebiblechurch.org

Pride of Purcellville, A Centennial Celebration Friday, July 4, 12 pm



The parade starts at Noon at Emerick Elementary and ends at LVHS. The Pride of Purcellville will be from 1 pm-5 pm and there will be rides for the kids, entertainment for all and food. This annual event is one of the most popular events held in Purcellville. The Centennial Committee is joining with Magic Kayhan to make this one to be remembered. Many volunteers are needed to make it a success. Please call Cheryl Herman at (540) 751-2326 or email cherman@purcellvilleva.gov if you can volunteer.

An Evening Concert, U.S. Army Band "Downrange" Sunday, June 22, 7:30 pm, Fireman's Field

High School Band Tournament and Parade Saturday, September 20, 2008

A Centennial Celebration with a parade of Loudoun County high school bands and a tournament after the parade to see who puts on the best show! More information will be provided at www.purcellvilleva.gov.

"The Parade Train", a VSA Production, Franklin Park Performing Arts Center, A Centennial Celebration November 21 & 22, 7 pm

Contact Benjamin at Sboenberger@loudoun.gov for more information.

Christmas Musical, A Centennial Celebration. December 12 & 13, 7 pm, Blue Ridge Bible Church

Contact www.blueridgebiblechurch.org for more information.

Time Capsule Burial December, 2008, Train Station

More information will follow.

2009 Calendar

The Town of Purcellville 2009 Calendar is in the process of being designed. Sponsorships are needed to fund the calendar and photos of different scenes in Town. Please email Cheryl Herman at cherman@purcellvilleva.gov if you can help with either of these. ■